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Economic/Communism

U.S.I.A. Factory of MANNESMANN - TRAUTZL, A.G.

Location

1. The factory is located in Vienna XXI, Scheydgasse 38 - 40.

Production

2. Machinery of all kinds for use in Oil fields is produced and sufficient orders have been received to ensure work up to 1953. There is, however, a shortage of steel which seems likely to affect production.

3. Finished products are sent to the ZISTERSDORF oil area to Poland, Hungary and Roumania. The following list shows recent despatches of machinery:-

- (a) During the week ending 2nd December, 1950: Complete bore-towers with "Gestaenge" and "Betriebsmaschine". All to Poland. Number not known.
- (b) During the week ending 9th December: 3 complete bore-towers to HUNGARY. 10 sets of tubes, each set with 10 tubes of 15 metres each, also to HUNGARY.

15 complete bore-towers with drills, tubes and machinery to ROUMANIA.

The tubes for Hungary were round, whereas the tubes for Roumania were square, size about 20 x 20 cms.
- (c) Week ending 16th December: To ROUMANIA 15 "Bohrtische" (basic part of a bore-tower) and a considerable number of spare parts for these. Five railway wagons were used for this transport, 3 "Bohrtische" being on one wagon.
- (d) During the week ending 23rd December, 1950, 6 "Bohrtische" (basic parts of bore towers) were transported from the factory to the Zistersdorf oil-area on 3 lorries with trailers.
- (e) During the week ending 13th January:
 - (i) To ZISTERSDORF: 16 bore-tubes (drilling tubes) each 15 metres long on 4 lorries.
 - (ii) 5 new Diesel engines arrived in the factory. 3 of these were built in bore-tables (Bohrtische) which were loaded on three rly-wagons and left for Roumania. On 2 other rly-wagons, part of the same transport, were big pulleys for bore-towers, "Keilriemenscheiben" and various smaller spare parts for bore-towers.
- (f) 4 wagon-loads of hollow bore-rods ("Schwerstangen") of lengths varying between 8 - 15 metres are being prepared for transport to HUNGARY on 25th January.

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Power Supply

4. Power supply is from the Vienna public electricity system and there is no alternative system in case of breakdown in the civilian supply.

The factory has its own heating system for the factory buildings.

Raw Materials

5. Cast steel is supplied by the Waagner-Biro works and wrought iron comes from the BOEHLER factory.

Communications

6. The main transport, both of raw materials to the factory and finished goods out of the factory, is by rail. Road transport is only used in urgent cases or for the smaller finished products.

Factory Premises

7. Attached, as Appendices "A" [redacted] showing the general lay-out of the factory [redacted]

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8. Five new turning lathes were installed in Shop No.2 about a year ago. The lathes were imported from the CSR and are marked "HOFFGAERTNER, PRAHA". There are also approximately 20 lathes for medium sized pieces in building No.12 Appendix "A".

Personnel

9. The factory employs a total of approximately 700 persons of whom 150 are office workers.
10. Work in the factory is carried out in three 8-hour shifts but there is not an equal number of workers on each shift.
11. There is a particular shortage of turners and after the October strikes 20 communist turners discharged from the STEYR works were taken on by Mannesmann-Trautzl.

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Personalities

12. The main factory personalities are:-

(a) General-Director DAMLOW, (fnu) [redacted]

(b) CLAUSER, (fnu), factory manager ("Betriebsleiter") [redacted]

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(o) SPIERER (fnu), head of personnel department

Guards

13. The factory is guarded by Austrians who are all Communist Party members. By day there are two men in the porter's lodge and three men who patrol the factory grounds. At night the patrol is increased to five men. All are armed with pistols.

Communist Influence in the Factory

14. At the end of January a meeting of communist members working in the factory was held and a new propaganda campaign was announced. The new campaign of which no details were made public at the meeting was to be known as "PROPAGANDA - AKTION KOPLINIG".

15. Propaganda use is being made out of the shortage of steel (mentioned in paragraph 2 above) and rumours are being put about that the Western Powers have caused the shortage by buying up all available stocks for rearmament, and that this would probably result in the discharge of workers from U.S.I.A. factories.

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APPENDIX "A"

The following legend is for the sketch of the factory lay-out:-

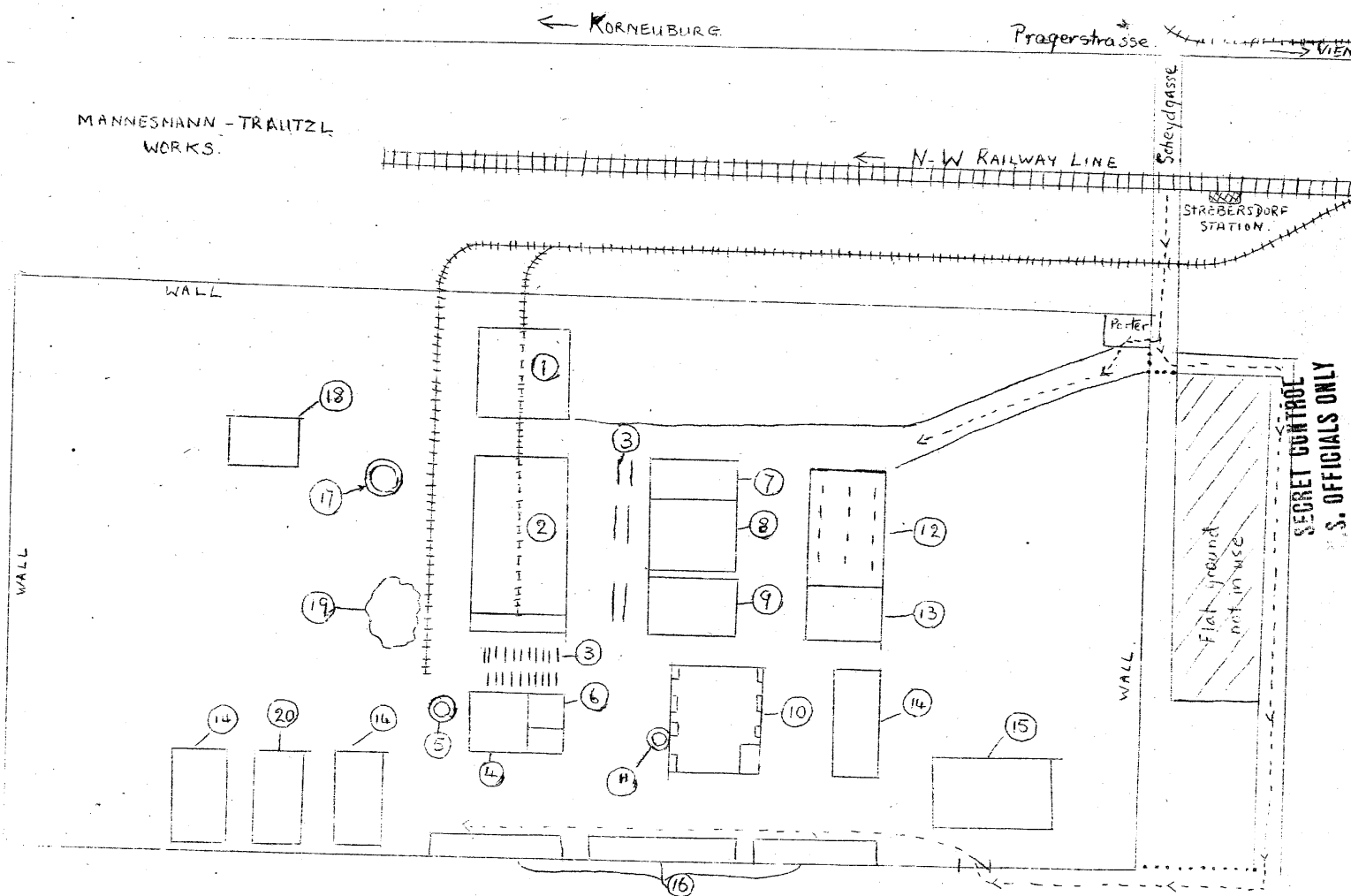
1. Assembly shop.
2. Shop No.2.
3. Store in the open for heavy raw materials.
4. Steam heating.
5. Chimney for steam heating.
6. Electrical workshop.
7. Carpenter shop.
8. Mechanical repair workshop.
9. All pieces to be worked on are cut in this shop to the required lengths.
10. Blacksmiths shop. Along the wall are forges which function only when needed. The large forge is used very rarely.
11. Small chimney for the blacksmith shop.
12. A number of lathes.
13. Welding shop.
14. 3 storage sheds.
15. Gen.directors residence.
16. Living quarters for workers. They can only be reached by the path indicated and not through the works.
17. Tower approx.30 m high with iron scaffold. Old and has no present use.
18. Communist party building.
19. Coal dump.
20. Canteen and kitchens.

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